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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ALUMNUS HEADS JORDAN'S NEW GOVERNMENT

1. NEW JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER DR. ADNAN BADRAN, ALONG WITH A NEW CABINET, WAS SWORN IN ON APRIL 7, 2005. DR. BADRAN IS AN ALUMNUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM ON "HIGHER EDUCATION" IN 1977. DR. BADRAN HAS SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION SINCE AUGUST 15, 2000 AND SERVED AS CHAIRMAN FROM JULY 3, 2003 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER.

2. H.E. MR. FAISAL AL FAYEZ, FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE. MR. AL FAYEZ IS APPOINTED AS CHIEF OF THE ROYAL COURT. MR. AL FAYEZ PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM ON "THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN" IN 1988.

3. TWO CABINET MEMBERS ARE ALSO ALUMNI OF THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM:

--H.E. DR. MARWAN MUASHER, MINISTER OF THE ROYAL COURT. DR. MUASHER PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM ON "NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN AMERICAN INDUSTRY" IN 1986.

--MR. KHALED A. ZAND IRANI, MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT. MR. IRANI PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM ON "STUDENT LEADERS" WHEN HE WAS A STUDENT AT THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN IN 1985. HE ALSO PARTICIPATED WHEN HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF WILDLIFE RESERVES, ROYAL SOCIETY FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE IN A PROGRAM ON "PARKS, RECREATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT," IN 1993.

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